

Sunnyvale Little League

Post Season Procedures - All Star Teams

District All Star Team Selection Process

1. This section of the by-laws describes the process used by Sunnyvale Little League to select its All Star teams.
2. The Major/Minor Player Agent(s) are responsible for conducting the All Star team selection process.

Preliminaries

1. All Star team selections are confidential until they are announced to all league members.
2. All details of the selection process, such as, but not limited to, whether a player was selected by players or managers and how many votes a player received, are also confidential. All those involved in counting the players' votes or present at an All Star selection meeting shall afterwards refrain from discussing any sensitive information from the meeting. Failure to observe this rule will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
3. The Player Agent will decide all details of the method of selection not specified here.
4. All voting shall be by secret ballot.
5. If Player Agent and Major Managers determine there are not enough players or that a team will be overmatched, the League may elect not to field a team subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.
6. 12/11/10 District All Star team shall have priority in selecting the strongest team over an 11/10/9 or 10/9/8 team. The order of priority for the selection of the District All Star teams shall be 12/11/10, 10/9/8, 11/10/9.
7. Managers should be prepared to discuss all players and should be open-minded to input from all managers. "Pre-planning" or any collusion between managers to place specific players on a post season roster is not allowed. Rosters should be comprised of the most deserving players from our league.

Selection Criteria

- 1) The Sunnyvale Little League Board of Directors strongly encourages all managers and players to use the following criteria as a guideline in the selection of the All Star teams:
 - The goal of the All Star Selection process is to "select players whose superior performance in hitting, fielding, base running, game knowledge, leadership, and teamwork will create collectively the most competitive All Star team possible."

Additional criteria that should be considered are:

- Selection should be based on the performance during the current season only.
- Player should be a good representative of Sunnyvale Little League.
- Player should have the capability and willingness to play multiple positions.

Manager Selection

- 1) The opportunity to manage the 12/11/10 All Star team shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Based on peer input (from other managers), umpire input, board input, standings, and feedback received by parents, the Player Agents and President will make recommendations to the Board of Directors. A manager may only manage one District All Star team. Manager selection is subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.
- 2) The method to choose the manager of the 11/10/9 All Star team will use the same process as the 12/11/10 All Star team and are subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.
- 3) The opportunity to manage the 10/9/8 All Star team shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Based on peer input (from other managers), umpire input, board input, standings, and feedback received by parents, the Player Agents and President will make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Manager selection is subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.
- 4) The Player Agent, President, and Board of Directors have final oversight in the manager selection process (no matter the regular season outcome). The Board has the right to circumvent the selected manager if they feel that manager's coaching style and attitude does not align with the league's coaching philosophy. The Board of Directors may declare at any time a manager for any post season team.
- 5) Should the pool of eligible managers be exhausted before the All Star manager positions are filled, the Board of Directors shall use their own discretion in naming vacant All Star manager positions.
- 6) The respective managers of the teams will select their coaches and assistants, subject to final approval by the Board of Directors. Assistants must come from the pool of managers or coaches who actively coached in the league during the current playing season.
- 7) In addition to the manager, each post-season team will have two assistant coaches, selected by the manager. The manager and two assistant coaches are defined in the team's official documentation.
- 8) Please note: Although we encourage All Star managers to utilize as many assistants and coaches as they see fit during practices, only one manager and two assistant coaches can be in the dugout during All Star games.

Size of Teams and Player Eligibility

1) Size of Teams

Teams may have 12-14 players based on the Green Book.

- Recommend 13 players selected for the 12/11/10 All Star team.
- Recommend 13 players selected for the 11/10/9 All Star team.
- Recommend 13 players on the 10/9/8 All Star team.

2) Eligibility

a) For a player to be eligible for any All Star team, his/her parents must assert that:

i) The player will be available for games and practices. This means that the player must be available for all or all but one game through the end of August and all or all but one practice. Exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the division player agent and the President.

ii) They can produce proof of age for the player that meets Little League requirements.

iii) They can produce proof of residency for the player that meets Little League requirements.

iv) **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents/players will be REQUIRED to provide ORIGINAL proof of age and 3 ORIGINAL proof of residency documents AGAIN as part of the All Star registration process. Little League rules and regulations are extremely rigid regarding proof of age documentation and all selected players will be required to provide ORIGINAL PROOF OF AGE DOCUMENTATION. Original proof of age documentation is an original birth certificate ONLY. Passports will not be accepted. The original documents will be collected by the Player Agent and presented to the District Administrator for review. This means those documents will be in the possession of the District for several days. All original documents will be returned upon the completion of the District review; copies will accompany the All Star team. Generally, 3 different sources for proof of residency are required as defined by Little League International.

v) The parents are responsible for the truth of these assertions. If a player is selected and it transpires that he/she cannot meet the requirements above, that player will be removed from the All Star team.

vi) In addition, by Little League rules, to be eligible for 12/11/10, 11/10/9, and 10/9/8 All Star teams, a player must have played as a member of a Majors or Minors team for "at least 60% of games played by their respective team in the regular season."

vii) Farm players are not eligible for District All Star Teams.

viii) Disputed questions of eligibility will be referred to the division Player Agent and League President.

12/11/10 District All Star Team Selection

This selection process consists of two steps, a player vote and a manager meeting.

Player Vote

- 1) The Player Agent is responsible for setting the date that the players vote for all the All Stars teams. All Majors players will vote at or near the end of the regular season, using ballots listing all 10, 11, and 12 year olds in Majors except those known to be ineligible.
- 2) Each player may vote for up to 10 players, no more than 3 of which can be from his/her own team. Ballots not conforming to these rules are void.
- 3) The Player Agent(s) and the President(s) should be present for ballot counting.
- 4) The 6 players with the most votes from the player vote will be on the 12/11/10 All Star team subject to approval by the Player Agent and a majority of the Majors managers. In the event of a tie vote, the number of players will revert to the level before the tie (i.e., if there is a tie for 6th, only five players will be submitted for approval by the Majors managers.)

Managers Meeting

- 1) The Majors Managers will meet to pick the remaining players. The Player Agent and league President will lead this meeting. If the President or Player Agent is not available, they shall appoint other Board members as delegates to lead the meeting. Before this meeting, the Player Agent must resolve any questions about eligibility and determine the pool of eligible players. The starting pool should exclude those players already voted on to the team by the player vote. It is critical to the success of this process that all voting during the managers' meeting be done by secret ballot.
- 2) Before the first vote, each manager will have 3 minutes to promote any players from his/her team who merit consideration for the 12/11/10 All Star team.
- 3) Each manager will then vote by secret ballot for 3 candidates. Each manager may vote for anyone from the pool of eligible players.
- 4) The Player Agent or the President shall tally the votes. The top 3 players in this vote are on the 12/11/10 All Star team. Only the top 3 vote getters are disclosed. No other players receiving votes should be disclosed.
- 5) After additional discussion, each manager will then vote by secret ballot for 2 candidates. Each manager may vote for anyone from the pool of remaining eligible players.
- 6) The Player Agent or the President shall tally the votes. The top 2 players in this vote are on the 12/11/10 All Star team. Only the top 2 vote getters are disclosed. No other players receiving votes should be disclosed.
- 7) After additional discussion, each manager will then vote by secret ballot for 1 candidate. Each manager may vote for anyone from the pool of eligible players.
- 8) The Player Agent or the President shall tally the votes. The top 1 player in this vote is on the 12/11/10 All Star team. Only the top vote getter is disclosed. No other players receiving votes should be disclosed.

- 9) Note on ties: if in any round there is a tie for the last position, neither player shall be selected, and one more slot shall be added to the following round of voting. For example, if in the first round there is a tie for 3rd, then only two players shall be selected in that round, and the second round shall select three players instead of two. If there is a tie in the last round, the President or his/her nominee shall cast a tie-breaking vote.
- 10) The 13th player shall be chosen as a "12/11/10 All Star Team Manager's pick".
- 11) The Player Agent will decide all other details of the method of selection.

11/10/9 and 10/9/8 District All Star Team Selection

- 1) This selection process consists of a manager meeting that will start at Majors level and then Minors.
- 2) At the conclusion of the previous All Star team selection process, the Managers select all members of the next prioritized All Star team following the procedure below.
- 3) Any player who has been selected to a District All Star team is not eligible for another All Star team.
- 4) Player selection for the 11/10/9 and 10/9/8 All Star teams is conducted entirely by manager selection (no player vote).
- 5) The Player Agent and league President will lead this meeting. If the President or Player Agent is not available, they shall appoint other Board members as delegates to lead the meeting. Before this meeting, the Player Agent must resolve any questions about eligibility and determine the pool of eligible players. The starting pool should exclude those players already selected to another All Star team. It is critical to the success of this process that all voting during the managers' meeting be done by secret ballot.
- 6) Before the first vote, each manager will have 3 minutes to promote any players from his/her team who merit consideration for the team.
- 7) Each manager will then vote by secret ballot for 4 candidates. Each manager may vote for anyone from the pool of eligible players.
- 8) The Player Agent or the President shall tally the votes. The top 4 players in this vote are on the All Star team. Only the top 4 vote getters are disclosed. No other players receiving votes should be disclosed.
- 9) After additional discussion, each manager will then vote by secret ballot for 3 candidates. Each manager may vote for anyone from the pool of remaining eligible players.
- 10) The Player Agent or the President shall tally the votes. The top 3 players in this vote are on the All Star team. Only the top 3 vote getters are disclosed. No other players receiving votes should be disclosed.
- 11) After additional discussion, each manager will then vote by secret ballot for 2 candidates. Each manager may vote for anyone from the pool of eligible players.
- 12) The Player Agent or the President shall tally the votes. The top 2 players in this vote are on the All Star team. Only the top vote getters are disclosed. No other players receiving votes should be disclosed.

- 13) After additional discussion, each manager will then vote by secret ballot for 1 candidate. Each manager may vote for anyone from the pool of eligible players.
- 14) The Player Agent or the President shall tally the votes. The top 1 player in this vote is on the All Star team. Only the top vote getter is disclosed. No other players receiving votes should be disclosed.
- 15) Note on ties: if in any round there is a tie for the last position, neither player shall be selected, and one more slot shall be added to the following round of voting. For example, if in the first round there is a tie for 4th, then only three players shall be selected in that round, and the second round shall select four players instead of three. If there is a tie in the last round, the President or his/her nominee shall cast a tie-breaking vote.
- 16) The 13th player shall be chosen as an "All Star Team Manager's pick".
- 17) The Player Agent will decide all other details of the method of selection.

Replacement Players for District All Star Teams

These procedures apply to the 12/11/10, 11/10/9, and 10/9/8 All Star teams.

- 1) At the end of the All Star selection process, the managers will select a pool of three potential replacement players in the same fashion as the selection of the All Stars.
- 2) In the event that a player selected for the All Star team cannot participate due to injury, ineligibility or other reason, the All Star manager will select a replacement player from this pool of players.
- 3) The All Star manager may select any player from this pool as a replacement without regard to order of selection. The manager may also choose not to fill a vacancy.
- 4) These players will NOT be announced or deemed to be "alternates" for the All Star team. The managers, the Player Agent and League President will keep this information confidential.
- 5) In the event that none of the players in the Replacement Pool are available when a replacement is necessary, the All Star Manager will confer with the Player Agent to select another player. The All Star manager is not allowed to contact a player regarding selection as a replacement without first conferring with the Player Agent.
- 6) A player who has been selected to another All Star Team is not eligible to be named as an alternate.

Change Log:

5/14/18 - The following changes were voted in at the January 10, 2018 BOD meeting.

5/2017 - OLD Language

Manager Selection

- 1) The opportunity to manage the 12/11/10 All Star team shall be given to the manager of the first place Major team during the regular season. If this manager declines, then the opportunity will be given to the manager of the second place Major team during the regular season and so on. If there are no Major Managers available or interested, Minor managers will be given an opportunity starting with the first place Minor team during regular season and so on. A manager may only manage one District All Star team. Manager selection is subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.
- 2) The method to choose the manager of the 11/10/9 All Star team will use the same process as the 12/11/10 All Star team and are subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.
- 3) The opportunity to manage the 10/9/8 All Star team shall be offered to the manager of the first place Minor team during the regular season. If this manager declines, the opportunity will be offered to the manager of the second place Minor team during the regular season, and so on. Manager selection is subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.

5/2018 - NEW Language

Manager Selection

- 1) The opportunity to manage the 12/11/10 All Star team shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Based on peer input (from other managers), umpire input, board input, standings, and feedback received by parents, the Player Agents and President will make recommendations to the Board of Directors. A manager may only manage one District All Star team. Manager selection is subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.
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